GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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US Cooperation to Modernize Infrastructure in India
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought US cooperation to modernize infrastructure in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any discussion has been held with the US authorities in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) : A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) for a India US Transportation Partnership was signed between India and USA during the visit of Mr. Anthony R. Foxx, Secretary of Transportation, USA to India in April, 2015. The MoC was signed on behalf of the Ministries of Railways, Road Transport and Highways and Shipping from the Indian side and the Department of Transportation from the US side. The scope of the MoC includes cooperative work on key issues of mutual interest for all modes of transportation, along with coordinating public and private sector resources and expertise to advance safe, secure, efficient and integrated transportation systems.

(c) & (d) : After the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC), a Joint Working Group (JWG) has been constituted for taking forward cooperation initiatives with the US. Apart from official level discussions between the two sides, a 5-member delegation led by Minister (Road Transport & Highways and Shipping) also visited USA between 10-18 July, 2016 and met US Secretary of Transportation to lay down the roadmap for initiatives under the India-US Transportation Partnership.

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